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Voters refuse to give treatment Nursing, care home referendums defeated in Tuesday's election

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Referendums to issue bonds and increase the tax rate for the Madison County Nursing Home and Sheltered Care Home were soundly defeated by voters Tuesday.

The final unofficial results showed both issues failing 42 percent to 58 percent.

The bond issue failed by a vote of 12,121 to 16,556, while the tax increase vote was 12,054 to 16,707.

The first referendum would have allowed the issuance of up to \$6.5 million in general obligation bonds to build a new nursing/sheltered care home. The second would have increased the tax rate by 5 percent to pay for the center's operation.

The failure of both issues leaves the continued operation of the nursing home and sheltered care home in doubt.

"It means that the defeat will be discussed by the committees involved, and the committees will give a report to the full county board," Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said.

Board member Bob Stille, D-Edwardsville, chairman of the Board's Health Institutions Committee and

'We may be faced with closing the county's nursing home and sheltered care facility.'

Bob Stille
County Board member

one of the most vocal supporters of the referendums, said the failure of the referendums could close the homes.

"The bond issue failed and now we may be faced with closing the county's nursing home and sheltered care facility," Stille said. "We waged a strong door-to-door campaign for the nursing home and sheltered care proposition."

Opponents questioned the need for the county to retain the homes, citing more than 300 beds available at other private care facilities. Others questioned why taxpayers should continue to shoulder the expenses of caring for a total of 140 residents.

A total deficit of more than \$200,000 is projected for the two facilities at

the end of this year.

In statewide races, U.S. Rep. Glenn Poshard easily outdistanced five opponents in Madison County voting in the Democratic primary's race for governor.

Poshard received 70 percent of the county vote. His closest opponent was John Schmidt with 15 percent, followed by Roland W. Burris with 11 percent.

In the lieutenant governor's race, Mary Lou Kerns had an almost 2-1 lead over former state Treasurer Pat Quinn in the county.

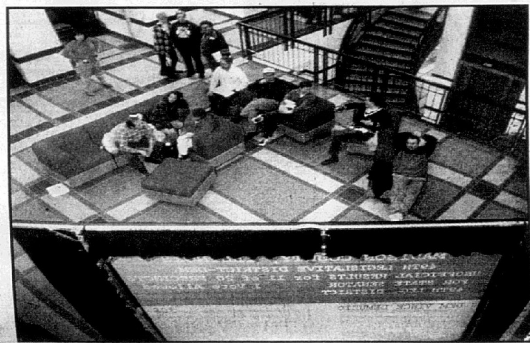
For Secretary of State, Tim McCarthy was beating Jesse White 77 percent to 23 percent.

In the treasurer's race, Daniel J. McLaughlin received 65 percent of the local votes, with opponent Jerry Genova receiving 35 percent.

Uncontested races included U.S. Senate, Carol Moseley-Braun; attorney general, Miriam Santos; and comptroller, Daniel W. Hynes.

In countywide races, Democratic incumbents Mark Von Nida, Fred Bathon, Bob Churchlich and Harry Briggs Jr. were unopposed in their races for county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, and regional superintendent of schools.

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Passers-by and candidate supporters eagerly watch voting results Tuesday night at the Madison County Courthouse.

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Role playing

Company breaks
ground; Konzen
holds court

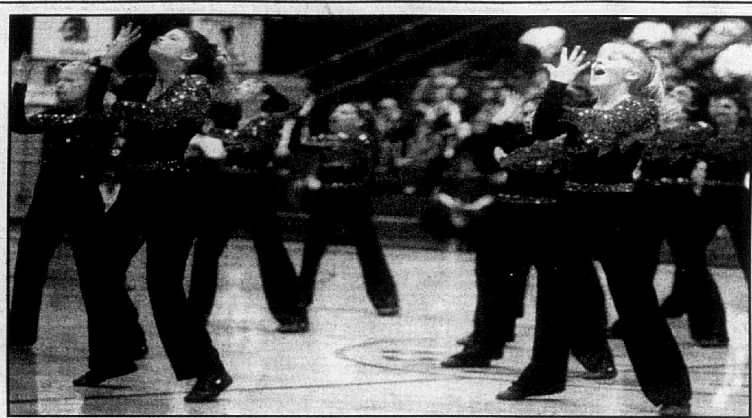
By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Granite City and Midwest Metal Coatings LLC sealed their partnership in progress Wednesday afternoon as various city and company officials formally broke ground for the new plant.

GRANITE CITY

Midwest Metal's hot rolled steel-treating facility came about through tremendous cooperation and drive by numerous appointed and elected officials and business persons. The new plant is the first tenant in Granite City's new industrial park between Highway 3 and Missouri Avenue.

Leo Konzen of Lueders, Robertson and Konzen and former Granite City city attorney, served as master of ceremonies at a formal program and lunch catered by Charlie's (See GROUND, Page 4A)



JOHN SWISTAK JR./Press-Record

Dance troupe — Amy Pennell, foreground left, and Kim Snell, foreground right, lead members of the Granite City High School drill team, participating in the Illinois Drill Team Supersectional at Collinsville High School recently. See People, Page 1C.

Board races go down to wire

By Scott Cousins
and Scott Kelly
Staff writers

Candidates for contested County Board seats faced close primary races Tuesday, and several incumbents were defeated.

Locally, in Board District 23 Ed Hagnauer defeated Herbert "Junior" Milton 470-449.

In District 23, incumbent Don Garrett defeated challenger Metro M. Pierson 548-459.

COUNTY BOARD

Both Hagnauer and Garrett will be unopposed.

Garrett's race was too close to call until the end. For most of the evening, Pierson was within a dozen votes, but the final precincts put Garrett ahead.

"I think that I've been made a very happy man," Garrett said after pulling ahead.

"And I'm going to put every effort into fulfilling the obligation that people have placed on me once again."

"I congratulate my opponent Metro Pierson on a wonderful race. She did a marvelous job; this is the closest of any race I've ever had."

"A little too close for comfort," he added.

In District 25, incumbent Donald Rea narrowly defeated challenger Fred P. Schuman, 397-380. Rea is unopposed in the general election.

In District 22, longtime board member Her

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Money not available for roads

By Becky Vollmer
Telegraph staff writer

The good news is that the plans for improving Highways 157 and 159 exist. The bad news is that the money does not.

That was the message that Jim Easterly, district engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, delivered Tuesday night to Edwardsville officials and residents.

Easterly updated the status of several ongoing and planned road projects that motorists have been eagerly awaiting.

Some of the plans that have been drafted — for example, the \$33 million widening of Highway 159 from Edwardsville to Collinsville — have

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SCOTT COUSINS/Press-Record

Championship effort

Bethel Christian Academy coach Steve Greer hugs Jeremy Errett after taking him out with seven seconds left in the championship game of the Illinois Association of Christian Schools Class A state basketball tournament in Rockford. Bethel won the game 71-64. For story and more pictures, see People, Page 1C.

SIUE to hold employee reception

Tel Southern Illinois University at Edwards-
ville will honor employee service at the
annual service awards reception, set this
year at 2 p.m. April 7 in the second-floor
Conference Center of SIUE's University
Center.

Those to be honored, followed below by their years of service, include:

BELLEVILLE — Janet McReynolds, 20 years; Mary Warner, 10 years; Patricia C. Outlaw, 15; Cren Theobald, 15; Annie Cooper, 10; and Deirdre Johnson, 10.

CAIRO — Jacqueline Walker, 10.

CENTREVILLE — Gloria Walker, 25; and Patricia Williams, 20.

COLLINSVILLE — Judith Bartel, 25; Sang-Ki Kim, 25; and Katherine Blackford, 20.

COLUMBIA — Myron Boyd, 20.

EAST ST. LOUIS — Carolyn Howard, 30; Bernice Coleman, 20; Claretta Bryant, 15; Dorothy Coleman, 15; Barbara Hilliard, 15; Gause, 10; and Patricia Williams, 10.

SCHOOL NEWS

EDWARDSVILLE Leonard Van Camp, 35; Robert Blain, 30; Wilma Jane Bond, 30; Martha Feeney, 30; Pamela Hinch, 30; Carol Keene, 30; Janet Mansker, 30; Beverly McLaugh, 30; Patricia McLaugh, 30; Daniel Corbett, 30; William Williams, 25; Duane Meyer, 25; Joseph Weber, 25; Robert Williams, 25; Malcolm Goldsmith, 20; Mary Ann Goldsmith, 20; Norma Griggs, 20; F. J. Griggs, 20; Robert Griggs, 20; Robert Griggs, 20; Charles Oxford, 20; Karen Rogers, 20; Tamara Schleimer, 20; John Schrage, 20; Suzanne Edel, 15; J. Calvin Jarrell, 15; Norman Mueller, Gregory Conroy, 10; William L. Lauer, 10; Gregory Conroy, 10; Brad Hofeditz, 10; Shirley Houston, 10; Minnie Huddleston, 10; Krzysztof Jarosz, 10; Eric Langenwerth, 10; Debbie Mann, 10; Sharon Nantz, 10; Robert Nantz, 10; Robert Nantz, 10; Robert Nantz, 10; Rochelle Pools, 10; Sandra Thomas, 10; James Varady, 10; and Sherry Venturolo, 10.

GLEN CARBON — Walter Bruder, 30; An-Yhi (Steven) Lin, 30; Betty Richardson, 30; G. Gregory Stephen, 30; Rex Fernando, 25; Frederick Noel III, 25; Karen Take, 25; Judith Pifer, 20; Gale Keenoy, 15; Roger Diepholz, 10; Ralph Giacobbe, 10; Margene Jerrolds, 10; Paula Manny, 10; T.K. Parthasarathy, 10; Laura Perkins, 10; and Kay Zika, 10.

GRANITE CITY — Doris Butts, 10; Judith Malone, 10; and Angela Mosby, 10.
HAMEL — Debra Scheibal, 10.
MARINE — Scott Smith, 10.
MARYVILLE — Ronnie Burton, 15.
MASCOUATAH — Stephen Colbert, 15; and Darlene Wagen, 10.

MITCHELL — Lynda Pavla, 10.
O'FALLON — James Dunn, 25; Jay Patrick, 10
and Myrna Wacker, 10.
PONTON BEACH — Joan Fife, 10.
STAUNTON — Kelly Murphy, 10.
WORDEN — Claudia Davidage, 20; and Jan
Floyd-Hendey, 10.

NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Journals.

Corps to help identify remains

On Oct. 7, 1952, Lorene Staton, a 20-year-old private from Granite City, was reported missing from his unit, Company "H", 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division in Korea. On Oct. 10, 1952, the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division reported that a large barrage all along the front, lobbing more than 93,000 rounds at United Nations troops.

Along with two others from the 3rd Battalion also listed as missing in action the day after the Staton disappeared.

Now the U.S. Marine Corps is involved in a three-year-old program to locate the relatives of those missing in Korea. In 1949, after the Korean War, the Marine Corps began to try to locate the families of these individuals, said Ann Hammers, assistant head of the Navy Department's Casualty Section.

Staton's next of kin is his sister, Vivian I. Thompson. There is no address given for her.

There is no other information available on her.

March 23, 1951.

ANVPS with information can call (800) 847-1597.

Haine files suit over annexations

Concerned with the strict letter of the law, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine is filing lawsuits against Granite City and Mitchell over recent annexations.

The Mitchell incorporation committee sent in a request asking the city to look into Granite City's recent annexation of the Jennings property, and the Madison County Board also requested it because of the Mitchell incorporation. Haine said he will file quo warranto suits, which test the validity of public actions.

"I'm not questioning the good intentions of Granite City or anyone else," Haine said. "I'm just concerned to make sure they're doing what the mayors and aldermen do in trying to maximize their tax base."

Incorporators drawing new map

The group has been meeting with Madison County State's Attorney Bill Hale to try to resolve the matter. Hale said Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa has told him the matter is "not worth a discussion."

A smaller map might be more agreeable to some on the county council than the one that would follow the Mitchell Fire Protection District.

Seized machines to be destroyed

Citing the probability that they would again be used illegally, U.S. District Attorney W. Charles Grace and U.S. Marshal Ted Delaney has announced that 167 video gambling machines would be destroyed. The machines were seized during the investigation and prosecutions of Thomas Venezia and Amiel Cueto. In the past, confiscated machines had been sold to the state. This time, however, the machines come from the heels of the state's recent announcements by Madison County State's Attorney Bill Harp and St. Clair County State's Attorney Robert Halde that illegal gambling machines would not be allowed in their jurisdictions. The announcement is expected to force bar owners to get rid of their machines has already passed.

Industrial company breaks ground

City officials were to break ground Wednesday for Granite City's newest industrial facility.

Midwest Metal Coatings LLC is scheduled to be up and running later this year, processing hot rolled steel from Granite City Steel. The new plant will be the first tenant in Granite City's new industrial park, on Missouri Avenue near Pontotoc Road.

Midwest will build a \$15 million, 94,000-square-foot steel treating facility that will provide numerous construction jobs and high-paying manufacturing jobs to the city. Initially, Darlison said, Midwest will employ 50 people.

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BPW offers pair of scholarships for women

Again this year, the Granite City Business and Professional Women's Organization has available two scholarships for women who are interested in furthering their career or education.

The Verna Lengyel Scholarship is offered to a BPW member who wishes to further her education in the field of her choice.

Applicants must be a resident. She must also agree to remain a member of BPW for two years. A total of \$1,000 is to be awarded for this scholarship.

The Granite City BPW Scholarship is available to any

working woman (full- or part-time). Applicants for this scholarship are not required to be a BPW member but must reside in the local area: Grand Rapids, Holland, Spring Lake, or Spring Lake Beach, or Mitchell. Also \$1,000 will be awarded for this scholarship.

Applicants for either award will submit a resume which includes the following:

- Name of the scholarship for which she is applying.
- Name of the college or university where enrolled, including name, address, and phone number of the Admissions Director (funds are sent

directly to the school.)
Social security number.
Career objectives and goals,
including how the scholarship
will facilitate attainment of the
goals.
Name and address of current
and previous employers,
including dates of employment.
Letters of reference from
other persons unrelated to
applicant.
A current financial state-
ment.
Additionally, applicants must
be enrolled in a program that
will result in a degree or cer-
tificate of completion at the
end of her studies; must be

acquiring skills that will insure her economic security; and must enter the work force after she receives her degree or certificate.

She must be available for personal interview with the Scholarship Committee.

Please submit application to: Jean May 1 to Elizabeth Briggs, 3204 Wilshire, Granville City, IL 62040. If there are questions please call Briggs 931-2940, Annellen Smith 426-3555, or Jane Isenburt 876-2726.

The awards will be presented at the May 29th business meeting.

Young couple to make home in Granite City

Linda Marie Lipscomb and Mark G. Donaldson were married Feb. 13, 1988, in the Madison County Courthouse. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Italine Lipscomb and the groom is the son of Hollie and Theresa Donaldson, all of Granite City. The bride's honor was Kathy Holman, a friend of the bride, and Best Man was Steven Michael Donaldson, brother of the groom. The reception was held in the Mexican Honorary Convention Hall. The bride is employed by CMC Resources, Inc. in St. Louis and the groom is employed by American Steel Fabricators in Granite City. They are now making their home in Granite City.



Maxine Green

Janet Davis and the Boobie Prize was awarded to Elaine Statton. Refreshments were served to the above and Rosa Lux, Michelle Strick's Wednesday, April 1, 1998.

The Esther Class of the Sunday Baptist Church had the

Greg and Kari Schipkowski are announcing the arrival of their first child, a son, on March 10 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and is 19 inches tall. He has two brothers, Kari and Steven, 7 years old.

The Better Breathers Club met on March 10 in Pascal hall in St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Vickie Bacon of Greentown, Pa. was the guest speaker. Highland and Edwardsville spoke on Nutrition and Alcohol. Refreshments were served by Kaminski, Ruth Baker, Imogene Johnson, Susan Horton, Billy Uhl, Mary M.

Phyllis Laster, manager, opened the meeting with a welcome to all. The 1976-77 Avon Anniversaries were organized and gifts presented. Patti Castellini, Jo Ann Miller, Corry Strickland, Julia Lotzy and Helen Miller. Rosemary Ralston, Mickey Strack and Rosemary Ralston also met. Other relatives attending were W. Pointer, Norma DeVault, J. Chal, Chole Denny, E. Duffield, Lois Hoy, D. McElroy, Tommie McElroy.

The monthly meeting of the Crazy-Eight Pinochle Club was held on March 4 in the home of Melba Topp, Fairview Heights. Six games were played with prizes won by Alice Pappas, first place, Janet Davis, second place and Sandy Cuvor, third place. The hundred Ace Prize was won by

in the church on Maryville Road. Members attending were Helen Cook, Ruth Bunker, Susie Bunker, Mae Cavener, Georgette Medical, Ed Campbell, Dee Smith, Shar Purkey, Marie Diagger and Susie Horton.

Rosella Fuller, Carol Smith and Maxine Green. The next meeting will be on April 14 in the Milonski Room. Paula Gertman, master gardener, is scheduled to speak on "Indoor Gardening."

The Avon Campaign Elected

Burdy, Lillian Ruegge, E
Grant, Lottie Franklin, E
Davis, Gladys Temple
Elaine Staton, Maxine Gr
Nadine Papp, Janice Wa
Eula McKee, Gena Garr
Jennifer Sloan, Pam W
Connie Chronister, Carol
ing and Sophia Bewro (gu
Iola Voyles and Rose Lux.

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2334 Grand in Granite City.
• April 13 — 11 a.m. to
p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical
Center, 2300 Madison Ave.
Granite City.
• April 27, 2 to 6 p.m.
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NEWS

Costello to face Price S. Illinois helps Poshard to victory

Telegraph staff report

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, a Democrat, will face GOP challenger William Melvin Price in the general election in November for the 12th District seat. Costello, 48, of Belleville, Ill., defeated Kenneth "Bud" Wierzer, 49, of Granite City, with 79 percent of precincts reporting Tuesday night, Costello led Wierzer 33,917 to 4,890.

Wierzer, a self-employed carpenter who has a home remodeling business and also installs carpet and tile, was a first-time candidate.

During his campaign, Costello cited his efforts in expanding MetroLink, keeping Scott Air Force Base open and adding jobs there among his accomplishments. He also pointed to his role in keeping the Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City open when it had been scheduled for closing by the Pentagon.

The support center was named after the father of his November rival. Price led Gal Kohlmeier of Waterloo 10,076

to 6,885.

Price, a 44-year-old orthopedic surgeon from Belleville, raised some eyebrows in both parties when he announced last year that he would seek the Republican nomination for the congressional seat once held by his father, who represented East St. Louis in Congress as a Democrat for 44 years.

During his campaign, Price described himself as conservative and said he would favor maintaining the standard tax deductions and perhaps adding others for education and medical savings accounts rather than having a flat rate after the standard deductions.

Kohlmeier, 45, described herself as a pro-life candidate who also is pro-gun. She had been endorsed by the Illinois Federation for Right to Life, the Gun Owners of America, U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the Eagle Forum and VIEW PAC, a group of Republican women that seeks to elect more Republican women to Congress.

A man who has represented parts of the Metro East in Congress will get his chance to lead the entire state this fall.

State Rep. Glenn Poshard, a Democrat from Marion, defeated three other major Democrat candidates Tuesday to win his party's nomination for governor. He will oppose Republican George Ryan, the current secretary of state, in the November election.

Poshard used his Southern Illinois roots to defeat three candidates for the nomination. His showing in Madison County was typical of the downstate support he received: Poshard captured 70 percent of the county vote. His closest opponent was John Schmidt with 15 percent, followed by Roland W. Burris with 11 percent.

Statewide, unofficial returns showed him receiving about 37 percent of the vote

to 31 percent for Burris, his closest opponent.

Mark Von Nida, Madison County clerk, said he felt concern on Tuesday when he heard reports of low voter turnout. "But," he said, "the evening held some surprises."

At noon on election day, the polls were reporting roughly 10 percent turnout. By the time that they closed, however, 21 percent of the county's registered voters had cast their ballots.

According to Von Nida, that number translated to about 34,000 people in the county. Despite what might appear to be a relatively small portion of those eligible, Von Nida pointed out that in 1996, during the Presidential elections, only 32,000 of the county's residents voted.

"I was extremely pleased by Madison County's overwhelming support for Poshard," Von Nida said. "Glenn is a man of integrity. And, as a Democrat

candidate, I'm proud to be on the ticket with him."

Poshard's refusal to accept special interest money and his commitment to term limits helped rally support in Chicago. "I had heard that the grassroots support for him in Chicago was strong, so I wasn't totally surprised by his strong showing there," said Von Nida.

"Glenn is going to be a terrific standard-bearer for the Democratic Party in Illinois," Von Nida said. "But we're going to have to support him through the fall election and count on the Republicans to self-destruct."

Von Nida said he expects Poshard to continue his attention to downstate Illinois issues, and said there will be a gubernatorial debate held in Southern Illinois this fall.

Poshard has represented the 19th District in Congress for ten years. The district currently includes about 25 counties in the southeastern part of the state.

Poshard

District 27 board race decided by 2 votes

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The candidates in the Democratic race for Madison County's District 27 board seat knew Tuesday's primary results would be close.

Neither, however, thought that two votes would clinch it and they still don't.

going to be a victory," said Michael "Joe" Semanisin of Maryville, the unofficial winner of that race.

The two votes in question swayed the race in Semanisin's favor, giving him a 515-513 victory over incumbent Don Sonnenberg, 43, of Maryville. Each candidate received almost exactly 50 percent of the 1,028 votes cast. The voting

was so close that Sonnenberg won in four of eight precincts to Semanisin's three. They tied in the remaining one.

"I thought it would be a close race all along, but I didn't think it would be quite that close," Semanisin, 53, said. "I thought it would be 20 or 30 votes one way or the other."

proud and very grateful."

Because of the extremely narrow margin, Semanisin, a long-time Collinsville Township trustee, said he is taking his victory cautiously.

Sonnenberg, who is Maryville's police chief, said Wednesday he is considering filing a petition for discovery next week.



JOHN FREESE / Press-Record

Polling place
—Granite City 33rd precinct election judge Maggie Mayhall places voter Marty Mengarelli's ballot in the ballot box Tuesday during the general election. Voter turnout was said to be in the neighborhood of 20 percent, perhaps due to the inclement weather in the area.

Honor Roll

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chugr, Victoria Forshaw, Nicole Gaudereault, Jeremy Gessing, Ross Hackethal, Erin Haddix, Joseph Harsh, Jessica Harper, Michael Harp, Lindsay Herman, Amber Huser, Eric Hooper, Jennifer Humphreys, Jill Jenkins, Krystal Johnson, Karl Jones, Jamie Joyce, Travis Keaton, Kelly Signall, Joshua Smalle, Bradley Smith, Brett Solberger, Emily Staicoff, Elizabeth Stoppich, Jennifer Streicher, Christopher Taylor, Nathan Tilson, Rick Unnaga, Nicola Varner, Kara Wallace, Daniel Watson, William Webb, Joseph Weinberger, Anna Weiser, Jacob Whited, Amanda Whitehead, Ronald Wilkerson, Aaron Windbeck, Joseph Wineburner, Christina Withers, Leighann Worthen, Faith Yurgislin, Adam Zimmer.

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Board

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In Republican primary, newcomer Ed Hagnauer in a narrow race, 470-449. Milton was originally elected to the board in 1972.

Neither Hagnauer nor Milton could not be reached for comment by Press-Record press time.

In other races, Don Sonnenberg lost by two votes to Michael "Joe" Semanisin, 515-513. However, County Clerk Mark Von Nida said there

would almost certainly be a recount in that election.

Also losing their County Board seats were Tony Paynic and Anthony Stassi, both from the Wood River area.

"In county board races, we've lost a few of our members and we've gained a few, but the business of county government will go on," said Papa, who was unopposed in his race. The races that were won and lost by each county board member were close."

Because of Paynic's loss, Papa will have to make at least one new appointment to the Madison County Transit District Board after the general election. Paynic represents the county on the MCTD board.

Garrett said he was not surprised at the close races.

"I think recent incidents have shown that County Board members are suffering from a very poor image," he said. "I think the lack of the ability of

the county to pass tax issues — the nursing home issue is failing, we failed to pass mass transit. I think voters have lost confidence."

"What the vote shows is that we're going to have to work very hard to restore that confidence," he said. "We've got to remake the image of the county board. We've got to do something that things voters want, not somebody's political party."

Election

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In Republican statewide races, U.S. Senate candidate Peter G. Fitzgerald beat Loretta Didrickson 74 percent to 26 percent.

For governor, Secretary of State George H. Ryan beat Chad Koppie 82 percent to 18 percent.

The lieutenant governor, attorney general and treasurer candidates — Corinne G. Wood, Jim Ryan and Judy Baar Topinka, respectively — were unopposed.

In countywide races, clerk candidate Nancy L. Moss, treasurer candidate Wes Tucker, and Sheriff candidate Bob

Hulme were unopposed. Von Nida said voter turnout was about 21 percent, with 34,937 out of 164,136 registered voters showing up at polling places.

"It meant the voters really kind of rallied in the last hours to bring it," he said after final results were in. "I was really worried there about noon. It had been raining solid for the last two days, and the turnout was projected at about 10 percent."

"I was thinking 'Gosh, this

could be a historic low," he said. "I think we're probably pretty equal to where we were two years ago."

He said the election itself was uneventful.

"Things went very smoothly," he said. "The judges did fantastic job and we finished up at 11 p.m., which I think is pretty good for this complex of an election."

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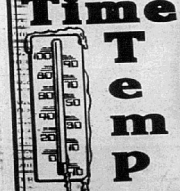
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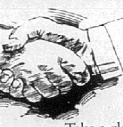


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AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

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Business park drawing corporations

A new crop is growing in the fertile fields of the American Bottoms. But instead of green rows of corn or soybeans, local officials envision shiny new plants that provide thousands of jobs. The field is the 700-acre Sauguet Business Park, which is using tax breaks, location and cheap land to lure businesses from Missouri.

East St. Louis

Minority labor plan advances

An agreement to boost minority representation in labor unions was expected to be presented to the East St. Louis City Council Wednesday night. Southern Illinois Contractors Association President Guy Gettis has been meeting with local contractors and unions for a year to hammer out an agreement. At a recent meeting, representatives from unions and MCC said they supported the agreement in principle.

Monroe County

Protests temporarily block kennel

Protests from rural homeowners who don't want a 20-dog boarding facility near their homes prompted the Monroe County Board to temporarily block plans for the kennel. Commissioner Frank Kohler made a motion Monday to table action on a special use permit sought by a Florida family wanting to open a dog compound between Waterloo and Valmeyer. The board unanimously agreed to the motion.

Bluff Road completed, dedicated

A huge piece of Valmeyer's development puzzle was officially put in place Sunday when village, county and state officials, engineering consultants and residents marked the opening of the Bluff Road connector street. The road is an extension of Woodland Ridge in the new part of Valmeyer. It runs across the top of the bluff and intersects Bluff Road about a half-mile west of Trout Camp Road.

Fairview Heights

Loop ramp finish set for summer

A loop ramp from Highway 159 to Interstate 64 in Fairview Heights should be completed by early June, Illinois Department of Transportation officials say. IDOT officials are waiting for the approval of design plans for a temporary wall underneath the Highway 159 bridge, said Bernard Fahey of IDOT.

SIU finally names new chancellor

Jo Ann E. Argersinger, provost of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, has been named chancellor of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale effective July 1. Based on President Ted Sanders' recommendation, the SIU Board of Trustees appointed Argersinger during its meeting March 12 on the Carbondale campus. Argersinger, 45, attended the meeting. "SIU is clearly a premier university," Argersinger said. "During my visit, I was impressed with the over-riding commitment to faculty, staff and students to the institution. I think the campus will be a very exciting place in the next few years." Argersinger said SIUC is ready for a higher level of excellence. "SIU stands out for its international success and has a strong history of diversity," she said. "I think my experience will help the university as it looks for new kinds of partnerships and alliances both in southern Illinois and on national fronts." Sanders said Argersinger's annual salary will be \$155,000. She also will receive an annual housing allowance and the use of a university car. Argersinger's record at UMBC reflected many issues shared by the Carbondale campus. As the chief academic officer, she is responsible for a new planning and resource allocation process. Likewise, SIU has revamped its budget and planning process under Sanders' direction. In the past five years, public-private partnerships have become increasingly important to universities as they pursue

federal grants and contracts. As one of three co-chairs of the Maryland Technology alliance, Argersinger helped pull together resources from the University of Maryland system, private businesses, federal research and defense agencies, Johns Hopkins University and Morgan State University. She also chairs K-16 Steering Committee, a group that promotes collaboration and coordination on education issues affecting students in kindergarten through college. Argersinger is a historian who specializes in 20th century labor history in the United States. She has written extensively about Baltimore's garment industry and Baltimore in the Great Depression. Argersinger, born in Birmingham, Ala., has spent the past 15 years at UMBC, serving as provost there for the last four years. Before that she served as the interim dean of arts and science at the campus for a year, and from 1989 to 1992, she was associate vice president for academic affairs. She was promoted to associate professor of history in 1988 and to full professor in 1993. Before moving to UMBC, she was on the faculty at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. Argersinger has a bachelor's degree in history from UMBC and master's and doctoral degrees in history from George Washington University. She holds professional memberships in the American Historical Association, PEW Higher Education Roundtable and the Social Science History Association. Her husband, Peter, is also a professor of history at UMBC.

Libraries receive rewards

Secretary of State George H. Ryan recently awarded more than \$300,000 in "Automate" grants to 507 Illinois libraries to purchase computers and other technology as part of the Fast Start program. Fast Start is one component of "Educate" Automate's four-phase library technology grant program. These grants are designed to improve public access to electronic information, convert special library collections to electronic formats, develop new electronic networks between libraries and to upgrade hardware and software for the use of library patrons. Fast Start grants help libraries fill the growing demand for timely service by helping them upgrade computers and other essential equipment needs. Following is a partial list of grant recipients: East St. Louis — Metropolitan Community College, Sen. Kenneth Hall, \$1,000, learning resources. Fairview Heights — Fairview Heights Public Library, \$450; Grant/Ilinois District 110, library, \$650. Madison — Madison Community Unit District 12, \$1,700.

Ryan proposes protection laws

A proposal by Secretary of State George H. Ryan to protect Illinois residents — especially seniors — from fraudulent telemarketers was unanimously approved recently by the Senate Financial Institutions Committee. Senate Bill 1694 now will go to the full Senate for consideration.

"This legislation will offer some important protections against the unwelcome assault of telemarketers offering ways to get rich quick," Ryan said. "I invite the rest of the Senate to join in an effort that will be very important to their constituents."

State Sen. Kathleen Parker, R-Northbrook, and Senate President James "Pate" Philip, R-Wood Dale, are sponsoring the measure at Ryan's request.

The legislation seeks to hold telemarketers who sell investments to the same rules as telemarketers who sell other products.

People selling securities by phone will be required to identify themselves and the purpose of their calls immediately, while limiting their calls to certain hours and maintaining "do not call" lists. Anyone selling securities will face enhanced felony penalties if found to be committing telemarketing fraud or defrauding customers aged 60 and older. Those changes all are consistent with the Illinois Telephone Solicitation Act of 1994, which did not include people selling

investments. "We found that nearly 80 percent of the fraudulent investment telemarketers targeted the elderly," Ryan said. "This legislation will go a long way to protect seniors who are living on fixed incomes and need to safeguard their investments the most."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, telemarketing fraud costs American citizens as much as \$40 billion each year.

Last year, the Illinois Securities Department joined with other state regulators, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealer Representatives and the New York Stock Exchange in an examination "sweep," focused on broker-dealer sales practices. The sweep identified a number of problems, including improper registration of representatives and cold-calling violations.

According to the American Association of Retired Persons, there are more than 10,000 fraudulent telemarketing operations calling hundreds of thousands of American consumers each day. In one study, nearly 80 percent of telemarketers investigated by the FBI were targeting their fraudulent calls at older consumers.

Ryan said the legislation will bring Illinois residents greater protection from telemarketing fraud, without adversely affecting legitimate telemarketers.

Essay contest set on Internet

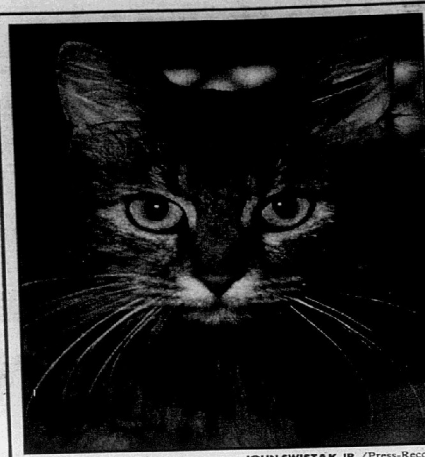
Cyber-Safari Internet Cafe, 815 Lincoln Highway, Fairview Heights, is sponsoring an essay contest for area middle school students.

The subject of the essay contest is the Internet and "How the Internet Functions in Today's Society." Students should discuss the role the Internet currently plays in

their daily lives and make predictions about the role of the Internet in the future.

The contest is open to area sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

Essays should be between 500 and 600 words. All contest entries must be submitted to Cyber-Safari Internet Cafe before May 1.



JOHN SWISTAK JR. / Press-Record

This is "Ashley" — A 1-year-old Maine coon mix, Ashley is awaiting adoption at the Collinsville Animal Shelter, 298 Simpson Place. She is very sweet and lovable and likes to be held. For information on adopting Ashley (2-053-F) or another cat or dog, call 346-5213 for an appointment. The shelter will have its first adoption day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

University hand-washing teams form for teaching

Hand-washing is the most important way to prevent the spread of infection, according to the Center for Disease Control. Children are especially at risk, so a team has been formed to visit classrooms in Madison and St. Clair counties to teach the importance of hand-washing. To join the team, call the Madison-St. Clair Extension Service at 692-7790 or 236-8600. The pro-

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SPORTS

Lincoln eliminated by Orphans

Pat Heston

Tigers have right to cry foul following super-sectional

Bennie Lewis was livid after East St. Louis Lincoln's 51-41 loss to Centralia in the Class AA Super-sectional at Carbondale Tuesday night.

And for good reason. "I don't think they let both teams play, because anytime one team shoots that many free throws (28) and you only shoot five, that's ridiculous. One of their guys shoots more free throws than our entire team. No way. That's the old stuff that happened years ago."

It was that "old stuff" reference that caught my attention. That's exactly how I felt watching Tuesday night's game. Especially the first half.

As a former referee, who has the utmost respect for the men calling a game, I seldom find anything worthy of complaint in modern officiating. And I will be the last person to align a referee with one of the floor doing the best job they can do.

But I found Tuesday's officiating reprehensible. Through the first 16 minutes, I watched Lincoln players hacked mercilessly under the offensive basket as three men in striped shirts seemed to look the other direction. One Centralia foul was called in the first half. In that same half, three fouls were whistled on one Lincoln player, Darius Miles. And the third foul — a charge — was one of the most blatantly blown calls I have ever seen in over 40 years of watching high school basketball.

"Everytime our guys go up for a shot, it's whack, whack, whack!" said Lewis. "You could see their arms going one way and the ball going the other. We get hacked and nothing gets called. You touch them and they go to the foul line. You play a game with that much contact at both ends and they have one foul in the first half — no. That's not right. The refs took Miles out of the game in the first and second quarters. That's not right either. He got whacked many times with no foul called on our offensive end. But let him get to close to somebody at the other end, and they were calling brush fouls, touch fouls. That's ridiculous."

If you think Lewis' comments are outlandish, consider this: he is not over-stating the case. He may be griping, but it is a legitimate gripe.

"There was contact all night on both ends of the floor. Problem was, contact was being awarded on one end of the floor and penalized on the other. "If you're gonna let the contact be at both ends, fine," said Lewis. "But when you let it go on only one end of the floor, that's not right. And that's the way it was. Contact was on both ends, but was called on only one end."

"Lewis is correct. That is not right. Forgive the moral overtones in that statement, but the simple fact is that what happened on the court Tuesday evening was not right. Lewis may not call everything accurately, but he's tagged Tuesday's fiasco properly. It wasn't right. I don't know any better way to say it."

I don't have a particular vested interest in East St. Louis Lincoln. Actually, it was kind of cool to see Centralia make the Elite Eight after a 34 year layoff — kind of like the feeling I had when Alton made it last year following a 42-year layoff from Super-sectional play. And I can stomach a team losing to a better team on a given night — and, yes, I really do think Centralia was the better team. But, not Tuesday night. And what I can't stomach is a team getting shafted.

If you want the truth as I see it, Lincoln got the shaft.

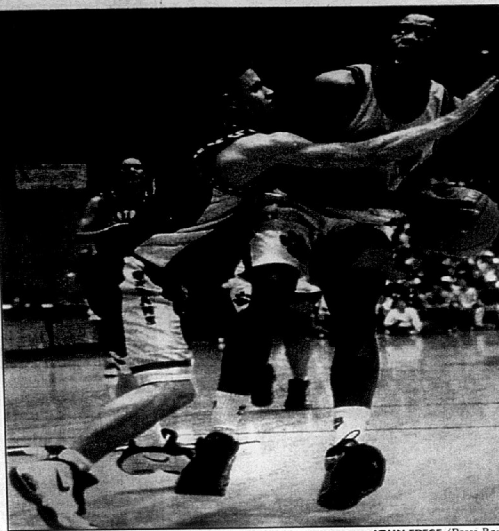
But, there's no use crying over spilled milk... or lost games.

"It's over," said Lewis. "If a team beats us, I can take that. But you've got to let teams play and let the better team come out. But you can't play at just one end of the court like it was tonight."

I agree, Bennie.

I went Tuesday night to see a basketball game between two good teams. What I saw, instead, was a game marred — for one reason or another — by biased officiating.

It's over now. What's happened has happened. I'll live with it. It's just not right.



East St. Louis Lincoln's Terrence Slater (right) looks to shoot against Centralia during Tuesday night's Class AA Carbondale Super-Sectional game at SIU Arena. Greg Storm provides the defense for the Orphans, who posted a 51-41 victory and advanced to the Class AA state tournament this weekend. Centralia will play Galesburg in the state quarter-finals.

JOHN FRESSE / Press-Record

Centralia converts its free throws to hold off Tigers in super-sectional

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Thirty-four years to the day after winning their last state tournament game, the Centralia Orphans are back in the state quarterfinals.

Centralia pulled away on 8 of 10 free-throw shooting in the last 2½ minutes to hold off charging East St. Louis Lincoln 51-41 in the Class AA Carbondale Super-Sectional game at the SIU Arena on Tuesday night.

After 34 years, Centralia's at state," beamed Orphans coach Rick Moss after the victory.

But it was not easy. Centralia took a 5-4 lead on a short jumper by 6-foot-8 pivot man Luke Sharp at the five-minute mark of the first quarter, but Lincoln reeled off seven straight points to take an 11-5 lead with 55 seconds to play. The margin would have been eight points, but Tigers sophomore Darius Miles was whistled for a highly questionable charge and his basket was waved off with 2:21 to play in the period.

The Tigers were still in front 18-15 when the Orphans closed the first half on an 8-0 run, punctuated by Ty Moss' two 3-pointers, the final one coming with just three seconds showing on the clock.

Centralia scored the first eight points of the third quarter to increase its advantage to 31-18 with 5:35 to play. Fifty seconds later, with the Orphans in front 32-20, Miles picked up his fourth personal foul and went to the bench. Moss then made the coaching decision that let Lincoln back in the game.

"Lincoln kind of surprised me," said Moss, who ordered his team into a stall after Miles left the game, hoping to pull the Tigers from their 2-3 zone. The move seemed to awaken the Tigers, who responded immediately with a

scrambling man-to-man defense.

"We knew they didn't play much man-to-man," said Moss. "From what we saw on video tape, we felt that if we got them out of the zone, they couldn't cover us man-to-man. But I was wrong. They did. They did a very nice job out of their zone, and it almost cost us the game."

Lincoln closed the quarter with a 7-1 surge to pull within 34-27 after three, and had clawed its way back to within two, 41-39, with 4:01 remaining in regulation.

Sharp nailed a short jumper with 3:15 to play, making it a 43-39 game, but the Centralia center was called for his fifth foul just 20 seconds later, sending Miles to the line. The sophomore missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity, giving the ball back to the Orphans.

Needing to foul to regain possession of the ball, the Tigers watched helplessly as Centralia hit 8 of 10 free throws down the stretch to sail away with the win.

Lincoln's last points came on a rebound and put-back by Miles with 48 seconds to play. By that time, foul shots had given the Orphans a 49-39 lead.

"We fought back, but we just couldn't pull it off," said Lincoln's Terrence Slater, who scored a team-high 13 points and grabbed a game-best 12 rebounds. Slater said he won the game, but there was nothing he could do in the end but watch them shoot free throws. "I wanted to go a little further, but we have accomplished a lot this year — more than anybody really thought we would."

Lewis was philosophical following the game. (See LINCOLN, Page 3B)

Deterding stays active in retirement

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Don Deterding walked away from teaching and coaching at Granite City High School nine years ago, entering what was supposed to be the life of retirement.

When someone mentions "retirement," words such as golfing and fishing come to mind.

For Deterding, a 1962 graduate of Collinsville High, retirement meant purchasing a 350-acre ranch in Willow Springs, Mo. Today, he raises cattle while his wife Dee runs a kennel that breeds Bernese mountain dogs.

"Really, I'm not retired," Deterding said as he laughed. "I'm working more now, physically, than when I was teaching but I thoroughly enjoy it."

Deterding grew up on a farm just outside of Collinsville as a youth, which made purchasing a large amount of land seem only logical.

He and Dee settled on Willow Springs because it is close to Table Rock Lake, where Dee and her family vacationed quite a bit.

However, neither dreamt that they would own 350 acres.

"Unfortunately, when I started looking for land when I retired, I only wanted 40 acres," Deterding said. "To this day, I still don't know how I got this many. We just started heading West that way. It's a small town that is super friendly. We just fell in love with it. We are very happy."

"I like to hunt and fish, so consequently this serves a number of purposes."

Deterding has spent the better part of his life doing things he has enjoyed. His first love was basketball. He was a sophomore the year the Kahoks placed fourth at the Illinois High School Association state tournament in 1950.

One of Deterding's fondest memories was getting the opportunity to step onto the floor at state, where he sank one free throw.

In Deterding's junior season, Collinsville had its first losing season under coach Vergil Fletcher. However, in his senior year in 1952, the Kahoks bounced back with a 22-4 mark and a perfect 12-0 record in the Southwestern Conference.

The team won 20 of its first 21 games that season, which included a 19-game winning streak. The Kahoks were ranked No. 1 in the state before eventually falling to Madison in the regional tournament.

"We peaked too early," Deterding said. "We kind of folded down the stretch."

Deterding had strong junior and senior seasons for the Kahoks.

The amazing part about his basketball playing days was the fact that he never took up the game of basketball until his sophomore year. Yet he scored 526 points (20.7 per game) in

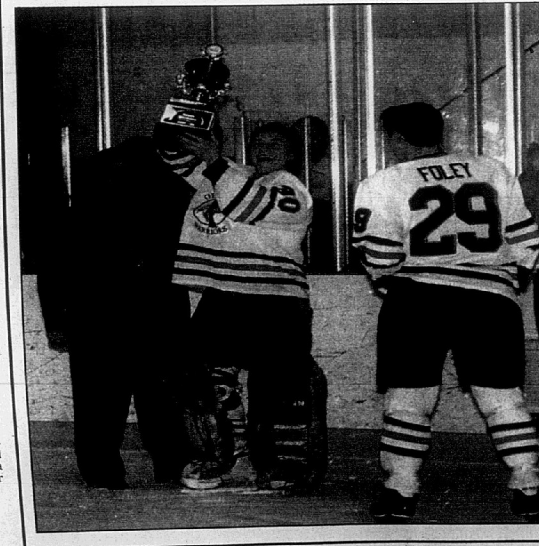
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Reasons to celebrate

The Granite City Warriors hockey club, in their first season of membership in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association, won the league championship this past weekend. ABOVE: Brett Sollberger of the Granite City Warriors celebrates after scoring the first goal against the Althoff Crusaders in the Southern Division final, which the Warriors won 2-1. AT LEFT: Granite City Warriors goaltender Robbie Slater hoists the MVCHA championship trophy after his team's victory in the title game. Slater recorded the shut-out against Edwardsville in a 4-0 victory.

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SPORTS

SIUE fails short of NCAA tourney bid

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

One more victory. That was all that Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville men's basketball coach Jack Margenthaler thought stood between his squad and a trip to the NCAA Division II Tournament this season. "We were that close, that's what I was told," Margenthaler said. "We were one game away from a bid."

Margenthaler can play back several "what if" games that got away from his team, including an overtime loss to powerhouse Kentucky Wesleyan on the road when the Cougars had a 21-point lead with 12 minutes to play. SIUE-Edwardsville also lost a tough one at home in overtime to Wisconsin-Parkside. But the Cougars also had some quality victories and finished the season with an overall record of 18-9. They were picked in the preseason to finish 10th in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, which is one of the toughest NCAA Division II leagues in the country, but finished with an impressive 11-7 league mark.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

"We set our goals and the guys stayed focused on them throughout the season, through the good times and the bad," Margenthaler said. "The maturity of the team kept us in focus."

That focus was probably most evident in the game which they won the heart-breaking loss to Kentucky Wesleyan as the Cougars came back two nights later and won on the road at Bellarmine. That was followed by league wins at home against Southern Indiana and the University of Missouri-St. Louis, which capped a stretch of nine victories in 10 games for the Cougars.

SIUE then lost six of eight games but it bounced back to win its final four regular season games against league foes IUPUI-Fort Wayne, St. Joseph's, Quincy and UMSL and then won its first game in

the league tournament against Lewis before falling to Kentucky Wesleyan.

The Cougars had a well-balanced scoring attack throughout the season. They had five players—Rusty Sarnes, Nathan Kreke, Travis Wall, Tommy Shurn and Allen Berry—all average in double figures. SIUE broke the 100-point barrier twice and averaged 82 points per game (while allowing 78.8).

Kreke concluded his collegiate career in fine fashion, earning second-team all-GLVC honors team after posting a career-high 13.9 points and 7.1 rebounds a game. Kreke became the second player in school history to record 1,000 points (he had 1,045) and 500 rebounds (he finished with 570) for his career. He led the team with 23 blocked shots this season and finished second on the

all-time blocks list with 54. Sarnes, who is also a senior, was an honorable mention all-GLVC pick (as selected by a vote of the league's 12 coaches). He led the Cougars with a 14.1 point per game average. He shot 41 percent from 3-point territory and also was second on the team in assists.

Kreke, Sarnes, Tim Hollaway, Shaun Smoot and Marlin Clark are seniors who will be missed, but Margenthaler looks forward to another fine season in 1998-99. He has already signed power forwards Zach Lee (Lincoln, Ill. High School) and Dion Perkins (Kankakee Junior College). He has four scholarships remaining and will be looking for a couple of point guards, a small forward and another big guy.

"We made some big steps this season," Margenthaler said. "We'll be looking to

make that next step and get into the national tournament next season."



SIUE coach Jack Margenthaler guided the Cougars to an 18-9 record.

Granite City Park District conducting registration for baseball, softball

The Granite City Park District is accepting registrations for teams to play in boys baseball and girls ponyball softball leagues.

Deadline for registration is April 3, 1998. Leagues will begin play May 16.

Registrations will be at Wilson Park Office. Entry fee is \$250 per team, payable when roster is submitted.

For information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Park District registration

The Granite City Park District is accepting registrations for boys and girls interested in youth baseball, T-ball or ponyball softball in the Park District Summer Leagues. Registration open to boys and girls not currently on a Park District team or who have never played in the Park District leagues.

Open to ages 6-16. Players will be placed on a list and every effort will be made to place each player on a team.

Boys and girls ages 6-7 are eligible for T-ball; girls 8-16 are eligible for pony softball; and boys 8-16 are eligible for youth baseball.

Anyone interested in information—including prospective coaches and managers—can stop by the Wilson Park Office or call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

Adult softball

The Granite City Park District is accepting registration for men's, women's, church and coed softball leagues.

Deadline for registration is April 3. The leagues will begin play May 3.

Registration accepted at the Wilson Park Office. Entry fee is \$250, payable with submission of team roster.

All individuals are eligible to play with more than one team.

For information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Umpires sought

The Granite City Park District seeks baseball and softball umpires for youth games this summer.

Those interested can attend a meeting March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brown Recreation Center.

Umpires will be taught rules and mechanics for becoming a Park District umpire.

Those 15 and older can contact Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Donkey basketball

Basketball fans from the Granite City area will be treated to a donkey basketball game 7 p.m. tonight.

Granite City High School Teachers will play Granite City Firefighters in the first game, followed by the GCHS Student Council vs. the GCHS Varsity Club.

Admission is \$4 for children and students, \$5 for adults. Children under four will be admitted free.

The first 100 children in attendance will receive a free donkey ride.

Softball team

The Southwestern Illinois Masters fastpitch softball team is seeking 40-and-over players interested in Tuesday night play in Edwardsville as well as tournaments in Illinois, Missouri and possibly Oklahoma City.

For more information, call E.J. "Pete" Petrovich at 566-9017 or Jim Markham at 395-0223.

The team is holding a spring meet shoot at noon on Sunday at the Mascoutah American Legion Post.

SPORTS BRIEFS

SISSL registration

The Southern Illinois Senior Soccer League is accepting team and individual applications for the 1998 summer outdoor soccer season.

The SISSL is registering men's open teams for players age 20 or older. This is a recreational league with a 10-plus-game schedule playing in the Metro East during June and July. Teams interested in applying should call Don Digilomato at 344-5577.

BAC softball camps

Belleville Area College softball coach Kathy Bernal will conduct two softball camps this August.

Both camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the college's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill. 62221.

Aug. 10-12, is for girls in grades 5-8; and the second camp, Aug. 17-19, is for grades 9-12.

The cost of each camp is \$35. The limit per camp is 60 players. Checks should be made payable to BAC Softball Camp. For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

BAC baseball camps

Boys ages 7-17 can learn or improve their baseball fundamentals this summer at Belleville Area College, 2500 Carlyle Ave., as BAC baseball coach Neil Fiala conducts his annual summer camps during June and July.

Campers will learn the techniques of hitting, pitching and fielding. Two of the two fundamentals camps is \$60; the cost of each specialized camp is \$30. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and enrollment is limited.

Checks should be made payable to Belleville Area College and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill. 62221.

Camps will take place during the following weeks:

- June 8-11, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.
- June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp.
- June 22-23, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).
- June 24-25, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (pitchers).
- July 6-7, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (hitters).

• July 8-9, 9-11 a.m., specialized camp (fielders).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

BAC basketball camps

Belleville Area College men's basketball coach Jay Harrington and women's coach Mike Juenger will conduct their annual basketball camps this summer.

Area boys and girls from grades 1-12 are eligible to take part in the week-long sessions, which will be offered in June, July and August. Costs of the camps vary. Checks should be made payable to BAC Basketball Camp and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, Ill. 62221.

Camps will be held during the following weeks:

- June 15-19, 9 a.m.-noon, girls grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- June 15-19, 1-4 p.m., boys grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- June 22-24, 9 a.m.-noon, grades 3-4 nipper camp. Cost: \$40.
- June 29-July 1, grades 9-12 guard camp. Cost: \$30.
- July 6-10, 9 a.m.-noon, girls grades 5-8 team camp (teams of five or more). Cost: \$50.
- July 6-10, 1-4 p.m., boys grades 5-8 team camp (teams of five or more). Cost: \$50.
- July 13-17, 1-4 p.m., girls grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- July 27-29, 9 a.m.-noon, grades 5-8 little nipper camp. Cost: \$40.
- July 27-29, 1-4 p.m., grades 5-8 shooting camp. Cost: \$30.
- Aug. 3-7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 5-8 boys. Cost: \$90 (includes lunch).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271 or 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 271.

Bowling tourney

American Legion Post 58 baseball team will conduct a three-game Scotch doubles bowling tournament on Friday, April 24 at Bel-Air Bowl in Belleville.

Check-in is at 9 p.m. and bowling begins at 9:30.

Entry fee is \$20 per couple. There will be a 50/50 raffle.

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Baseball league

The IABC Baseball League is seeking baseball teams 12-and-under to compete in Metro area league. For information, interested baseball coaches can call Gregg Reichert at 345-6386.

Prep football clinic

The Illinois High School Football Coaches Association will conduct its 1998 clinic April 2-4 at the Chancellor Hotel in Champaign. Highlights include:

- Thirty-one high school football coaches speaking.
- Six college football coaches speaking.
- Field demonstrations by the University of Illinois football staff.
- Washington Redskins coach Norv Turner as the keynote speaker.
- A Fellowship of Christian Athletes breakfast.
- A Hall of Fame inductees banquet.

The cost is \$50 per person. For more information, call Jim Reklus at 630-668-0648.

Jones football camp

The Robert Jones Football Camp will be June 13-17 at Blackburn College in Carlinville. The camp is for boys ages 8-18 and features instruction from St. Louis Rams players and top college coaches.

Jones' camp is designed as a "skills camp" where emphasis

is placed on teaching proper football skills.

In addition to Jones, Rams players scheduled to instruct at the camp include: Isaac Bruce, Mark Rypien, Kevin Carter, Ernie Conwell, Mike Jones, Mike Gruttadaria, Derrick Harris, Ron Moore, Aaron Lang and Marcus Walker.

"We're teaching them about football, but we're also trying to tell them a little bit about life," Jones said. "What we're trying to do is not only make them better football players, but better people as well."

For more information about the Jones camp, call 1-800-555-0801. Overnight housing is available.

Collinsville Soccer League

The Collinsville Soccer Association will conduct player registration Saturday (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) and Sunday (12 noon-4 p.m.) at the Collinsville Knights of Columbus Hall on Hwy. 157.

Cost is \$50 for the first player or \$10 for each additional (Maximum of \$70 per family). Open to boys born Sept. 1, 1984, to Aug. 31, 1993; and girls born Sept. 1, 1983, to Aug. 31, 1993.

Football clinic

The 1998 Youth and Fundamental Football Clinic will be May 9 at Edwardsville High School. The cost is \$20 (\$25 at the door) and includes:

- Five hours of football from top coaches.
- Eight speakers.
- Exhibits.
- A free clinic notebook.

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SPORTS

Peoria Manual eliminated as AA fied trimmed to eight

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

There will be no five-time defending Class AA champion in Illinois high school basketball. Quincy High School, which slipped past first-ranked Lincoln 55-53 in double overtime to win the Springfield Sectional, stunned second-ranked Peoria Manual 72-52 Tuesday night to win the Northern Super-Sectional. The win by the Blue Devils ended the Rams' four-year reign over prep hoops in the state.

Manual's five-guard offense could not contain Quincy's 6-foot-6 wide body Luis Riva, who muscled his way to a career-high 30 points by hitting 13 of 17 shots. Quincy's dominant performance, behind the strength and accuracy of Riva, who added 13 rebounds, Quincy built a 24-8 lead early in the second quarter, preventing Manual (27-3) from deploying a zone defense and collapsing on Riva.

Quincy shot 59 percent from the field — 62 percent in the first half — while limiting the four-time defending Class AA champions to 34 percent. Manual All-American Frank Williams scored 21 points before leaving the game.

Chicago Whitney Young, the state's top-ranked team, also reached Friday's state quarterfinals at Carver Arena in Peoria. In Sunday afternoon's Public League Championship game, the Dolphins destroyed rival King (28-5) 67-46 before a raucous 10,000 fans at the UIC Pavilion in Chicago.

Young was expected to be seriously challenged by the Jaguars, but the Dolphins took a big lead early and rode the 23 points and nine boards of All-American Quentin Richardson to the impressive victory. Young improved to 27-1.

At Rockford's Metro Centre, third-ranked Galesburg (20-2) edged sixth-ranked Rockford Boylan (30-2) in the state's premier super-sectional spar. Galesburg's dynamic duo of Joey Range (18 points) and Rod Thompson (17 points, 8 rebounds) combined to score 39 points. Galesburg's final 12 points after Boylan had wiped out a double-digit second-half deficit to take a 58-56 lead on Roy Sackmaster's layup just 2:38 from the end.

Galesburg, which gave seventh-ranked Moline all three of its defeats this year, also pinned both defeats on Boylan.

At Hinsdale, Oak Park Fenwick pounded Olympia Fields Rich Central 75-56 behind 24 points of Coach Fenwick and 22 more from teammate Chris Williams. The Friars, the fourth-ranked team in the state, improved to 28-2. Rich Central bowed out of the state.

"It's not over for us," Williams said after keying Fenwick's first trip to the Elite Eight.

•Deterding

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his senior year.

"I could shoot the ball pretty good," Deterding said. "I wasn't as great of a shooter as they are today. I was 6-foot-1, but I ran in to play the post. I had a full-away jumper that never got blocked. Coach just instilled in you and gave you the confidence that every time you shot the ball that it was going in."

Deterding went onto college after he graduated from Collinsville, where he played basketball and earned a degree in education.

His first teaching and coaching job was in Mineral. The high school had a total of 34 students.

"I think they had won one game in three years prior to me," Deterding said. "We won four of our first six games. I thought I was going to be the next Red Auerbach. I think we won two games the rest of the year."

From Mineral, he took a teaching and coaching position in Dexter, Mo. That first season at Dexter had Deterding wondering whether he had made the right decision.

The following season, he guided the team to the Missouri State High School Activities Association championship tournament.

After a short stay in Dexter, he moved to Effingham where he coached the Flaming Hearts for six years before making his way to Granite City in 1967.

He was a basketball coach all but three years prior to when he was at Granite City. Those three years, he served as the athletic director at Granite City North before he switched jobs with Brian Wilkinson and went back to coaching basketball.

Deterding may hold the distinction of being the only former Kahoks player to ever win a game as a coach against him. Fletcher. Others have coached a game or two against Fletcher, but Deterding actually won a handful of contests against the Kahoks.

"In my defense, to a certain extent, I had more opportunities to coach against him," Deterding said. "Over a number of years in conference, I had better opportunity than a couple of others who had one or two opportunities."

"I really can't remember the very first time I coached against him. I do know my two times," Deterding said. "The next year I beat him at my place and that was the first time Granite City had beaten Collinsville in years."

Don Deterding taught and coached at Granite City and now has a ranch in Willow Springs, Mo.

While there was a big celebration for the Granite City fans after the 73-56 victory in 1969, Deterding was a bit more subdued.

"It was a different feeling because I have and still have the utmost respect for Coach Fletcher as a person," Deterding said. "When you coach against a legend and a person you are trying to emulate, the feeling of beating him is something I can't describe it. It was an honor."

The 1969-70 Kahoks squad wasn't exactly a pushover. Team finisher an 18-8 mark. Deterding beat the Kahoks at their own game. "I played a zone defense. It wasn't necessarily his. I just tried to use the zone. Deterding said. "I believe in defense and that rubbed off on me that defense wins games."

"I was an area of Granite where the talent wasn't there all the time, unlike Collinsville. It was tough. I had to challenge the defense to the talent level."

Deterding's best year in head-to-head competition against Fletcher was in the 1970-71 season. The Kahoks had a young ballclub that only won three games the entire campaign. Deterding and Granite topped the Kahoks three times that year.

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Former Granite City coach

THIS WEEK IN PREP BASKETBALL

Compiled by Patrick C. Heston

March 19

1928 — Tiny Bralowski became the first district team to reach a state championship game in a boys state tournament prior to 1972, when class division occurred in Illinois basketball. The state's smallest schools had to fight through a district tournament just to make it to the regionals. Only three district teams — Bradwood (1928), Hebron (1928) and Cobden (1964) — ever reached the title game. Bradwood, led by all-star Bill Hickling, lost to Eugene DeLaune's run-and-gun Dundee squad 36-29.

1968 — Led by Joe Wiley, who broke the four game tournament scoring record with 128 points, Belleville Township High School doubled Decatur 84-47 in the boys third-place game. The Maroons had lost a bitter 65-64 decision to Galesburg earlier in the afternoon semifinals. DT15 finished 27-5 on the season and had defeated fifth-ranked Collinsville three times in three tries on the year.

1977 — Third-ranked Collinsville (30-0) lost a heartbreaking 57-66 game to Chicago DeLaune in the final quarterfinal game of the boys state tournament when Dave Bonke banked the home winning field goal at the buzzer. The Kahoks' Kevin Stallings, who was playing on an injured Achilles heel, still nearly led Collinsville to victory. Other starters on that Vergil Fletcher unit — his fourth team to finish the regular season without a defeat — were John Bralowski, Joe Casella and Steve Ray.

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Leona Pfaff

LEONA M. (THERESA) PFAFF, 88, of Plainville died at 9:22 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 1998, in Gillespie.

Mrs. Pfaff was born on March 26, 1909, in Collinsville. She had been a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Granite City, Tri-City area. She was a member of the YWCA and YMCA as a Women's Program Director.

Survivors include one daughter, Charlotte Griffith of Plainville; one daughter-in-law, Kathy Pfaff of Granite City; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Pfaff; parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Saunders) Etheridge; one son, Don Pfaff; two sisters and five brothers.

Services will be on Saturday, March 21, at Irwin Chapel on Granite City, Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Granite City.

Tommy Murray

TOMMY J. MURRAY, 58, of Granite City died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Edwardsville.

Mr. Murray was born on April 1, 1939, in Waverly, Tenn. He had been a member of the World of Life Tabernacle.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Murray of Carmel, Ind., and Bobbie Murray of Granite City; three daughters, Johnnie Abuzesse of Coates Springs, Miss., Helen Murray of Beaverton, Mich., and Carol Grimes of St. Peters, Mo.; dear friend, Margie Gravelley of Granite City; 20 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Frances (Mist) Fischer.

Services were Feb. 26, at Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville, with the Rev. John Corrado, officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Kenneth Fischer

KENNETH T. FISCHER, 86, of Edwardsville died at 3:35 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Mayville.

Mr. Fischer was born Feb. 8, 1912, in Edwardsville. He had been a member of the Kansas Street Market and the Buchanan Street Market. He was a member of the Edwardsville Sportsman's Club and Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143. He was also a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville.

Survivors include his wife, Marie (Bast) Fischer; one daughter, Mary (Harris) Fischer; one son, John (Harris) Fischer; Rita Harrell Connolly of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and Anthony (Harris) Fischer of Highlands Ranch, Colo.

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Welby Buchanan

WELBY "BUCK" BUCHANAN, 79, of Collinsville died at 7:35 a.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were Monday, March 16, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Collinsville, with the Rev. Dennis Johnson officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Evelyn Bush

EVELYN BUSH, 74, of Granite City died at 4:50 a.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Mayville. She was born on June 11, 1923, in Michell.

Private services and burial will be held.

Norma Hurst

NORMA M. HURST, 64, of Mount Vernon died at 10:22 a.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, at St. Luke's Hospital.

Services were Monday, March 16, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Collinsville, with the Rev. Ed Williams officiating. Burial was in Bethel Memorial Cemetery.

Paul Jameson Jr.

PAUL E. JAMESON JR., 67, of Granite City died at 9:10 a.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were Monday, March 16, at the First Assembly of God in Granite City, with the Rev. Darin Hughes officiating. The body will be cremated.

Memorials may be made to Risen Saviour, a charitable organization for troubled kids.

Floyce Ousley

FLOYCE E. (TROUTMAN) OUSLEY, 91, of Granite City died at 11:55 a.m. Saturday, March 14, 1998. She was born May 25, 1906, in Cypress.

Services were Tuesday, March 17, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Owen officiating. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Madison.

Elbert Pace

ELBERT L. PACE, 75, of New Douglas died March 15, 1998, in Greenville.

Mr. Pace was born on Aug. 28, 1922, in Dexter, Ky. He had been a U.S. Army World War II Veteran.

Services were Wednesday, March 18, at May Funeral Home, with Rev. Luther Abbott officiating. Burial was at Robinson Cemetery.

Savannah Paul

SAVANNAH P. (CAVENDER) AINSWORTH PAUL, 68, of Highland died at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Hospital. She was born Sept. 29, 1929, in Bee Branch, Ark.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 19, at First United Methodist Church in St. Jacob, with the Rev. Jack Swank officiating. Burial will be in the Marine Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Aileen Rochester

AILEEN H. "PAT" ROCHESTER, 88, of Panama City, Fla. formerly of Granite City, died March 2, 1998.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10016 or your local library.

Thelma Thompson

THELMA M. (LUCAS) THOMPSON, 73, of Collinsville died at 10:37 p.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Mayville. She was born March 8, 1924, in Bliss, Mo.

Services were Tuesday, March 17, at St. John Cemetery in Collinsville, with the Rev. Kerry Courtney officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Reform to be topic at 'Decisions'

The topic for the March 25 session of Great Decisions at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will be "Financial Development: Time for Reform?"

Ronald Glossop, professor of philosophical studies at SIUE, facilitates the Great Decisions series, which is open to the public on Wednesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the

Union electrical apprenticeships available

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association are sponsoring an apprenticeship program.

Application request forms are available at the Local Union IBEW Hall, 2000 Mall St., Collinsville, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Consumers should be careful of loan checks

But you will likely spend time and effort proving your innocence. Congress has proposed a ban on mailing unsolicited loan checks, just as it is now illegal to mail unsolicited credit cards to consumers.

But for now, read the fine print before cashing any loan checks that arrive in the mail.

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Program seeks host families

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local host families for boys and girls from Scandinavia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Japan, Thailand, Mexico, Brazil, China, Taiwan, the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, who are coming to this area for the upcoming high school year.

The students speak English and are bright, curious and anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host families.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE

student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear a share of household responsibilities, as well as be included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

The students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays. Students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE exchange students abroad. Students should be between 17 and 18 years old and have interest in living with a host family, attending school and learning about foreign lands and people.

For more information, call Nancy Behring at (309) 484-2106 or call (800) 736-1780.

Students win science fair awards

The following students at Wilson Elementary School won awards at the District #9, 1998 Science Fair held on Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998 at Prather Elementary School.

MEDALLION WINNERS — Shawn Nicole and Derek Horvath, fifth grade; Kimberly Schinker and Marcus Dauksa, second grade; Jacob Russell, first grade.

BLUE RIBBON — Joseph Becherer, sixth grade; Megan Hankins, fifth grade; Whitney Glasco, fourth grade; Amy Meredith, third grade; Ronald

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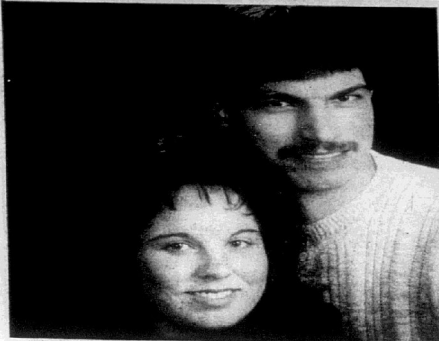
THE LAW AND YOU
By RICK REED
Attorney At Law
When a man and woman obtain a divorce, sometimes one party will be ordered to pay all of the bills which were incurred during the term of the marriage. After the divorce, a creditor may decide to pursue the other party who presumably was relieved of responsibility for the bills in the judgment of dissolution (divorce judgment). The question arises in these situations as to whether both parties can be pursued by the creditors.
Many people are surprised to learn that the terms of the judgment of dissolution are not binding on the creditors. If the parties were jointly obligated on the bill before the divorce, the creditor can still pursue either party in an effort to collect the outstanding balance. The terms of the divorce judgment are binding as between the husband and wife, but they do not prevent creditors from pursuing both of them after the divorce.
In one recent case, a husband and wife had a credit card in both names while they were married. They made numerous purchases, and the balance on the account was \$2,500 at the time they decided to end the marriage. In the divorce judgment, the husband was ordered to pay this

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ENGAGEMENTS



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Julie Merz and Michael Mueller

Merz — Mueller

Julie Merz, the daughter of John (Mick) and Kathy Merz of Granite City and Michael Mueller, the son of Richard and Sandy Mueller of Mitchell have announced their engagement.

Merz of Granite City is a student of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Graduated from Belleville Area College with an Associate of Arts Degree. She is employed by Tri City Y.M.C.A. as a Director of Latchkey.

Mueller is a Graduate from Ranken Technical College. He is employed as a CAD Technician by Guarantee Electrical Co. The couple are planning a Aug. 8, 1998, wedding at St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City.



Susan Munie and Timothy Gardner

Munie — Gardner

Susan (Cochran) Munie, the daughter of Virginia and late Dennis Cochran of Kirkwood, Mo. and Timothy W. Gardner, the son of Ernest and late Ausby Gardner of Granite City have announced their engagement.

Munie of St. Louis graduated from Belleville Township High School in 1983 and completed a CNA course in 1983. She is self-employed as a CNA.

Timothy W. Gardner of Madison graduated from Granite City High School in 1969. He is employed as a janitor by Spectralite Inc. The couple are planning a May 16, 1998, wedding at Trinity Tabernacle in Madison.

ANNIVERSARY



Rita and Fred Weymouth

Weymouth — 20 years

Fred and Rita Weymouth celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on March 10.

Fred is employed at the company of John Sakash of Greater St. Louis. Rita is employed by C.D.I. Corp. of Pontoon Beach. The couple are lifelong residents of Granite City, and are formerly from Madison.

Women's program focuses on exercise

Belleville Area College has celebrated "TGIF" throughout March, offering a series of free "Thank Goodness I'm Female" programs.

Each session is scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon in the Garden Room of the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. "Dance for Health" will be Tuesday. The program will demonstrate how physical activity can provide mental energy to work and study more effectively.

After all that energizing, don't miss the "Relax and Regroup" session on March 27, which presents techniques of massage and aromatherapy.

Finally, on March 30, learn to pull the whole package together with a session called, "Stayin' Alive: Accessorize," to gain image-enhancing tips.

Reservations are requested. For more information or to reserve a space, call the BAC Gender Equity program at 235-2700, Ext. 345.

WEDDINGS



Jamie and John Kindle

Bucatch — Kindle

Jamie Anne Bucatch and John Kindle were married on Dec. 6, 1997, at Holy Family Church in Granite City by the Rev. James Flach.

The bride is the daughter of James and Judith Bucatch of Granite City. She graduated from Granite City Senior High School and from SIUE. She is employed by the Granite City School District as a elementary teacher at Niedringhaus Elementary.

The groom is the son of Robert and Jaunita Kindle. He graduated from Granite City Senior High School and from MacMurry College. He is employed as a Laborer with Laborers Local 397. (See KINDLE, Page 2C)



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Brandie and Timothy White

Greco — White

Brandie JoAnn Greco and Timothy Neal White were married on Aug. 2, 1997 at St. Mary's Church in Granite City the Rev. James Keefner O.F.M. officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Carla Sprankle of Granite City and John Greco of Madison. She graduated from Granite City Senior High School and from Eastern Illinois University. She is employed as a third grade school teacher in Belvidere.

The groom is the son of Robert and Judy White of Granite City. He graduated from Granite City Senior High School and from Bradley University. He is employed as a Mechanical engineer at Sundstrand. (See WHITE, Page 2C)

McKinney — McKinney

After a near 40-year friendship, Barbara Ann McKinney of Granite City and Raymond McKinney of Michigan were married Feb. 28, 1998, in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Leah and Arnold Blewer of Troy.

The Rev. James Hooker of New Life Assembly in Granite City performed the ceremony. The reception, also in the Blewer home, followed.

Faustine Glendening of Granite City attended her sister as matron of honor. Her husband, Troy Glendening of Granite City stood with the groom as best man. Ralph McKinney Jr. of Staunton, the bride's son, escorted her down the aisle.

Alexandria Blewer of Troy, granddaughter of the bride, was the junior bridesmaid and the music attendant. The flower girl was Paige Donohoo of Granite City. Torrie Donohoo of Granite City lit the candles. Both are also granddaughters of the bride.

The groom is a retired Air Force pilot and the bride is employed as a registered nurse for Abdul Razzaq, M.D. in Granite City. The couple plan a belated honeymoon in Mackinac Island, Mich., and reside in Granite City.

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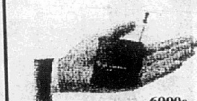
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PEOPLE

RAH!

Drill teams not just pretty faces

They're not just pretty faces anymore. Using music ranging from 1950s rock 'n' roll to Ska, and dance moves from traditional kicks to hip-hop, more than 800 drill team members from Southern Illinois strutted their stuff Saturday in the Illinois Drill Team Association Super Sectional at Collinsville High School.

Qualifying teams in three classes and multiple categories will advance to the state finals this weekend at the University of Illinois campus at Urbana-Champaign.

Teams competed in a variety of categories, including pom, pom/dance, aerobic/funk, dance, kick, prop, novelty, production, short flags and tail flags. Classes ranged from "A," less than 700 students, to "AAA," more than 1,600.

Awards were presented, but the teams did not actually compete against each other. They were up against a set score.

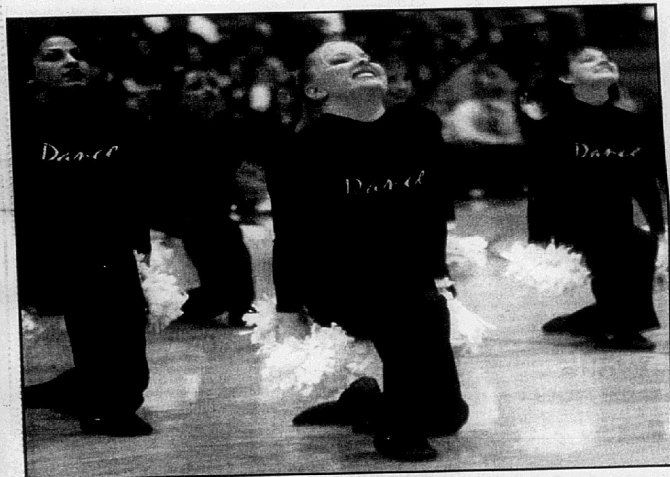
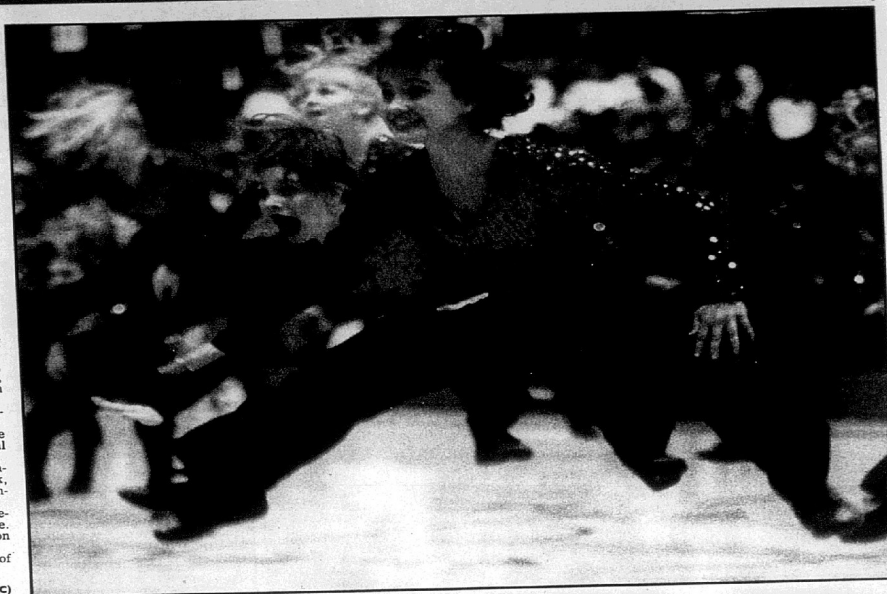
To qualify for state, the teams must achieve a minimum score of 150 points out of a possible 200 in two categories: general effect and execution.

General effect includes creativity, enhancement, interpretation/musicality, range of moods and emotions, variety, risk, climax, continuity, staging, professionalism and spirit and intensity.

In execution, judges look at the technical ability and achievement of each individual performer and the team as a whole. That includes cohesiveness, control, balance, body orientation and tempo.

Pat McGee, contest coordinator for the IDTA, said the level of competition has increased dramatically in the past few years.

(See RAH, Page 2C)



Above, GCHS drill team members Sarah Garcia, Beth Reiter and Sara Halbrook kneel during pom/dance competition at Collinsville Saturday. At right, with curlers in their hair, members of the MacArthur High School drill team in Decatur watch the other drill teams before their own performance.

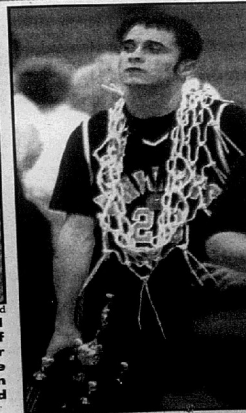


Top, Sara Halbrook leaps during the aerobic/funk routine. Above, Amy Pennell strikes a pose. Left, Beth Reiter performs during the pom/dance competition.

Photos by John Swistak
Story by Scott Cousins



Above, Trula Greer, left, and Cathy Errett react to Bethel Christian Academy's 71-64 win in the Illinois Association of Christian Schools Class A state championship in Rockford. Greer is the wife of coach Steve Greer; Errett's two sons play on the team. At right, Jeremy Errett watches as teammates cut down one of the nets after the championship game. Errett was named MVP.



CHAMPIONS!

Small church school battles fire, bigger teams for state hoop title

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

In August 1996, the building housing Bethel Christian Academy in South Roxana burned to the ground. One year later, a new school complex welcomed Bethel students to the 1997-98 school year.

Recipients of a new gymnasium in which to practice and play, the Bethel boys basketball team — the Blue Knights — made the most of the opportunity, sweeping to a 31-7 record and to the Illinois Association of Christian Schools' Class A state championship, held in Rockford on Saturday, March 7.

Bethel's high school, which includes students from the Granite City area, has an enrollment of only 15 students. Six of them are boys. Five of those six play basketball.

Including the elementary school, the total enrollment is about 70, with students from the Wood River, Granite City, Collinsville and Edwardsville areas.

"We don't have a bench," said Steve Greer, in his fifth year as coach of the Blue Knights. "But we have an elite group of kids. I knew going into the state tournament — playing three games in two days — that only having five players would probably cost us somewhere along the line. But the kids rose to the occasion, and I'm very proud of them."

After winning the regional tournament, Bethel made the trip to Rockford for the state finals and proceeded to knock off three quality opponents to win the school's first state title.

(See WINNERS, Page 2C)

SOCIETY



The 1948 edition of Bethel No. 43's queen and officers.

Bethel salutes past Honored Queens

At the January meeting of Bethel #43, International Order of Job's Daughters, the Past Honored Queens of the Bethel were honored. The group welcomed Dorothy Eftimoff Beck, who was Honored Queen of the Bethel 50 years ago, January 1948.

Beck was escorted to the East and was asked to remain seated there during the meeting. She was presented with a corsage.

Beck established a scholarship for the Bethel. Each Past Honored Queen, upon graduation from high school, receives this scholarship to further her education.

The picture from 1948 shows Beck and her core of officers. The other picture shows the current Honored Queen, Donna Moseley Beck, officers, council members and Past Honored Queens in January 1998.

Other Honored Queens attending for the evening included Carl Miller, Christy Dawson, Kathleen Offit and Lori O'Beir. Bethel #43 meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Masonic Temple in Granite City.



The 1998 edition of Bethel No. 43's queen and officers.

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The ability and skill level of the kids has jumped by leaps and bounds," she said. "It's much more difficult to qualify because the ability level of a lot of teams has risen, so you just don't have the handful of teams that were outstanding before."

Granite City High School coach Vanessa Mattern, who performed at GCHS in the late 1990s, said the team works on programs year-round.

"We work 12 months out of the year," Mattern said. "At the end of May we will start with our tryouts. We practice all summer and go to camp."

After performing during football and soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter, the team's competition season starts in January.

"They're very talented, so it's easy for them to catch on," Mattern said of her 20-girl team. "That's not saying they don't get sore muscles, and

sometimes it gets very stressful."

"They all have different levels of what they can do," she said. "It might take one two days to get it, it might take another two weeks to get it, but they all eventually get it."

"But, it's because they're hard workers and they are talented," she said.

The GCHS squad performed in the pom/dance and aerobic/funk categories.

"They did great," she said. "The girls are pumped."

"I think the girls have done wonderfully today," she added. "Hopefully, next weekend we'll be at U of I."

Local teams qualifying for the IDTA state finals were:

Pom/Dance

Class AA Althoff — second place

Class AAA Moushoul — first place

Class AAA Collinsville — first place

Granite City — third place

Kick

Class AAA Collinsville — first place

Tail Flag

Class AA Triad — second place

Aerobic/Funk

Class AA Triad — fourth place

Class AAA Belleville West — second place

O'Fallon — third place

Edwardsville — fourth place

Granite City — fifth place

Pom

Class AA Althoff — first place

Dance

Class AA Triad — fifth place

Class AAA Belleville West — first place

McGee said the competition went very smoothly.

"We're happy about that," she said. "It's extremely important because our reputation is on the line, but it also calms our participants down. If things are going smoothly

Golden Acres board discusses spring cleanup

The Golden Acres Senior Park Board met at the adjacent Chouteau Township office building, 906 Thorngate Drive, on March 5.

Plans were made for cleaning the birdhouses, before the nesting season begins. Also, the cleaning and resetting of the picnic tables under the pavilion was planned for activities, as was refurbishing of the horseshoe pits.

Anyone in the community interested in seeing this park group is invited to join the group on Thursday mornings for a cup of coffee, a checker game or a horseshoe game on the spot.

The park was created to provide a quiet, relaxing place where anyone can experience nature.

Elkettes plan spring activities

Mildred Noeth presided at the March 3 meeting of the Elkettes. Sandy Koziah, chaplain, gave a prayer before and after the meeting. Hostesses were Joyce Curran, Theresa Harding and JuneONEY.

Renee Myers was welcomed as a new member.

The Elkettes were reminded of the following future dates: March 14, spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 p.m.; April 4, installation of the Elks and Elkettes with a buffet and entertainment following; April 7, appreciation dinner of the regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m.; May 5, mother/daughter dinner.

The following persons were

CWF discusses media violence

At the general meeting of Christian Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church in March, the theme of the study was "Violence in the Media."

Each person attending had been asked to bring an article from a newspaper or magazine which told about violence in the community or the country. Many articles were brought and displayed.

There was discussion as to how adults can protect children from being harmed by so much news of this kind. The program was led by Ruth Leik.

In the business meeting it was announced that River Bend Textile, Inc. is willing to pick up clothes and shoes left over from rummage sales to be forwarded to third world countries. The next rummage sale being held by the C.W.F. will be April 18.

Those present at the meeting

with us, then they feel much better about it and they don't get uptight."

She said attitude is "extremely" important in competition.

"If the teams are not calm and confident, then they can blow their chances of going to state," she said. "The kids know the importance of today it's a pressure situation and they can easily be affected by surrounding things that are not going well."

Many times it is the small things that become very important during competition, she added.

Costuming can have a small effect on the score, but it is more a matter of overall confidence.

"This is all part of preparation: taking the floor, feeling very confident," she said. "Their uniform has to be just right, their hair has to be just right in order for them to feel good about themselves. And if it isn't, it affects them."

elects to offices the 1998-1999 year: president, Doris Anderson; vice president, Debbie Willis; recording secretary, Jennifer Hale; treasurer, Beth Dittman; corresponding secretary, Louise Ware; chaplain, Theresa Harding; membership chairman, Carol Mitchell; guard, JuneONEY; trustees, Dorothy Kinney, Bess Weiss, Mildred Noeth.

Bess Weiss won the 50/50 prize. Games of bingo provided the entertainment for the evening with prizes given to Elsie Podell, Dorothy Kinney, Bess Weiss, Helen Schmeissner, Mildred Noeth, Karmy Edmonds, Wilma Russell, Carolyn Billing, and Doris Anderson.

Miss Junior Preteen — Danielle Cook, the 8-year-old daughter of Barbara Flaughner and Ed Cook of Granite City, recently won the title of Miss Junior Granite City Preteen. She was

to compete for the title of Miss Junior Illinois on March 6. The winner of the state title will go to New Jersey in July to compete for the national title of Miss Junior America.

Winners

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The Blue Knights bounced Romeville 72-67, Pana 48-41 and Brentwood Baptist of Des Plaines 71-64 to complete their championship run.

Team leader Jeremy Errett, a senior who averaged 24 points per game on the year, was named the Class A tournament's Most Valuable Player.

"I was elated. The kids were very happy," said Greer of the experience of claiming the state championship. "We often compared ourselves to the kids

in the movie 'Hoosiers.' Like them, we only had a handful of kids. And like them, we beat the odds and won the title. It was a great win for the school. And it was a great experience for all of us."

With four starters returning for the 1998-99 basketball season, Bethel should be in good position to make a serious run for yet another IACS state title.

But, for now, Greer and the five Blue Knights will revel in the rewards of hard work and commitment.

There's just nothing quite like rising from the ashes — literally — and reaching your dream."

Kindle

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Jenna Epperson attended her friend as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Colleen Tretter of Granite City, Melanie Funk of Edwardsville, Shari McDowell of Granite City, Lisa Funk of Alton and Jan Schannell of Granite City.

Jeff Kindle attended his brother as best man. Groomsman were Joe Faldut of Edwardsville, Jeff Tretter of Granite City, Rich Skubish of Collinsville, Chris King of Granite City and Jason Bucatch of Granite City.

The rest of the wedding party: Britney Epperson of Troy, junior bridesmaid; Mickey Smith of Granite City, Mike Funk of Granite City and Mark Dunbar, ushers.

Following a reception at AMVETS of Madison, the couple honeymooned in Destin, Fla. and now reside in Granite City.

White

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Tracie Green attended her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Aimee, Lisa Bertelotti, Shannon Hahn, Maria Hawkins and Amanda White.

Brigg Klein attended his friend as best man. Groomsman were John Elliot, Eric Miner, Dirk Sheehan, Brian Smith and Scott White.

The rest of the wedding party: Katie Greco and Mccalla Winfield, flower girls; Matthew Sprankle, ring bearer; Jeff Kohler and Mark Winfield, ushers; Nicole Fulton and Melissa Smith, candlelighters.

Following a reception at St. Gregory, the couple honeymooned in Colorado and now reside in Rockford.

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Growing and Using Herbs
Jan Villhardt, Master Gardener

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Angie Eckert, Horticulturist, Eckert's
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Sunday, March 22nd

1:00-2:00 PM

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News

GC native becomes Harley mechanic

Joe Blaine Roller, former Granite City and Madison resident, will be graduating at the end of March as a mechanic from the school of Harley Davidson Cycles, in Phoenix, Ariz., where he has attended since last March.

He was employed by the government working at Phoenix Missile Plant while attending school.

He is a Granite City Senior High School Class of 1989 graduate. He had been on the Honor Roll, Who's Who and most successful classmate lists. He fulfilled his dream on his own and formerly worked at Ralston Purina Co. of St. Louis. He recently was hired at Harley Cycles in Belleville.

"Phoenix was beautiful but

the Midwest is the best place to live," Roller said.

He is the son and brother of Fred and Rita Wayworth, Rich and Dan Roller of John Sakask Co. and C.D.I. The nephew of Roger and Cindy Cluffs, and uncle of Lerah Ann Roller, all of Granite City. The grandson of late Thomas and Ione Hunt, and nephew of the late Shelia, Rene and Larry Hunt.

Joe is a very ambitious young man who achieves his goals and makes his dreams happen.

The family is very proud of Roller and will be celebrating his homecoming with family and friends in the home of Rich and Julie Roller with a barbecue.



Joe Roller

AARP hears nursing home spokesman

The American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1340 March Meeting was held at the Nelson Hagauer Town Hall.

President Pauline Hanson opened the meeting and then introduced Kelly Martin, spokesman for the Madison County Nursing Home. In his presentation, he related the nursing home was established in 1925 as a T.B. Hospital. In

1971 it was changed to the Madison County Nursing Home and in dire need of a new building. A bond issue was voted on this week, and it was his intention to acquaint voters with pertinent facts.

A short business meeting was conducted.

Minutes were read by Secretary Betty J. Smallie.

Treasurer George Stone gave the financial report.

Wilma Ostresh reported on membership. Anyone 50 or over is welcome to attend these meetings.

May dinner dance tickets will go on sale April 8th.

Refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was spent playing bingo.

Group celebrates Valentine's Day in stylish manner

Approximately 125 American Assoc. of retired persons; Chapter 1340 members celebrated at the annual Valentine Dance at the Nelson Hagauer Town Hall.

The red and white valentine decoration theme was completed by most of the members being attired in red and

white also, refreshments were served and the music was provided by the band "Jerry's Kids." Crowned King and Queen for the evening were Vern Prill and Grace Dunard, who led the sweetheart dance.

50-50 drawing winners were selected and attendance prizes were won by Dolores Conrad,

Gloria Geiger, Leona Clark, Alvin Thraur, Helen Saroka, Thelma Haas, Wally Verbyck, Terry Morgan, Bill Hubbell, Arline Thomas.

The association invited all seniors 50 and over to attend AARP meeting. For further information call 877-3020.

Jumping for heart research

School recently participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart program. The students successfully reached this year's goal by raising \$1,000 for heart research. Above, Jacob Moore and Nathan McFarland turn the rope for Chris Baker, while T.J. Haymaker waits his turn.



Community

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2 regular monthly board meeting is 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, at 5123 Maryville Road, 931-6521.

MADISON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES holds monthly meetings at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Madison City Hall, 615 Madison Ave.

HOLY FAMILY holds Lenten Fish Fries from 4 to 7 p.m. every Friday now through April 10 at 2506 Washington Ave. Fish Fries will be held in the community center cafeteria. Plates and sandwiches served. Carryouts available.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRANITE CITY Lenten Bible study at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, March 4 through April 1 at 2160 Delmar Ave. For more information, call 452-1100.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Church

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 3001 Nameoki Road. Two Sunday worship services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone is welcome.

GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP, led by youth minister, 8 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at Madison United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2101 Cleveland Blvd., holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and has preschool available. Morning worship services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone welcome.

NIEDERHOLM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Prayer Meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Nursery Available. Everyone is welcome.

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Food/Nutrition

MEALS OF LOVE, sponsored by Madison County Baptist Association. Free meals to anyone in need. Every Tuesday, 3:30 to 6 p.m., at Second Baptist Church, 21st and Illinois streets, Granite City. Everyone is welcome.

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GRANITE CITY FOURSQUARE CHURCH, 12th and Edwardsville Road, hot meals served free of charge, the last Monday of each month, to those in need or those who just want someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9635.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340, meets at Granite City Township Hall second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

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GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

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